



# Summer School 2021

## Impact Report

At Crestwood Community School, we offered a 10 day Summer School to our Year 7 intake (300 in total). This was split over two weeks, Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July 2021 and Monday 23rd August to Friday 27th August 2021. A particular effort was made to engage more vulnerable and nervous students (including Disadvantaged and SEN students) and parents of these students were targeted by interaction during enhanced transition sessions with Year Leaders and our SEN Department.

### Attendance

294 students were offered a place and 204 students signed up for a place.

Some students were unable to attend due to having holidays during these weeks. We also had one school where the whole class had to isolate due to a COVID case, but we managed to move most of the students to week 2. We had some children who did not attend every day, but we were made aware of this by parents in advance.

Out of the 204 children who attended, 54 were eligible for pupil premium.

All children were given free lunch every day, including snacks and fruit was readily available all day. Students sat together, along with staff, each day to eat their lunch.

Attendance was as follows:-

Day	Monday 26 July	Tuesday 27 July	Wednesday 28 July	Thursday 29 July	Friday 30 July
Total no of students in attendance	90	92	93	91	92
Day	Monday 23 August	Tuesday 24 August	Wednesday 25 August	Thursday 26 August	Friday 27 August
Total no of students in attendance	105	105	106	105	106

### Summer school packs

All students were given a welcome pack on their first day which consisted of a Crestwood logoed drawstring bag, T-shirt, wristband, badges, water bottle, pen and notebook.

## **Transport**

Due to building works being carried out on our Shakespeare Campus, we held the Summer School on the Cherbourg Campus for all students. In previous years we have split the students according to the campus they would be attending in September. We therefore offered a minibus service for students between campuses and this was well received. Although it would have been better for Shakespeare students to attend their own campus, it was easier to staff the Summer School by holding it on one campus.

## **Summer School Programme**

The Summer School programme consisted of lessons in Maths, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Drama and Food Technology. In addition to this we offered Pottery, T-Shirt, Mug and Bag decoration, First Aid, Art, Treasure Hunt and Orienteering. In the afternoons students were offered a range of sporting and craft activities to be involved in. They were also offered Board Games if they wanted to relax, or could get involved in a Drama/Singing production that would be shown to parents at the end of the week.

For one of the activities offered, we booked an outside dance company, Blue Butterfly, who sent in a dance instructor to offer dance sessions to those students who wished to take part. All students were offered the chance to take part in one hour long session.

On Friday 30 July and Friday 27 August, we invited Flying Colours Entertainment into school to offer Circus Workshops to our students. This was a fun way for the students to develop and broaden their physical skills and gain confidence in their ability. Various skills were learnt including tightrope, juggling and plate spinning. These skills enabled students to develop coordination, agility, control and movement. Students were encouraged to keep trying and to beat their own personal best. Skills were developed in solo activities and by working collaboratively with their peers. They demonstrated their skills to their peers and to parents on both Friday afternoons, when we held a celebration event.

## **Celebration Events**

On Friday 30th July and Friday 27th August, students took part in the Circus Skills Workshop until 1.30pm. Earlier in the week we invited parents into school to take part in our celebration event. We offered drinks and cake to the parents as they arrived. Parents were welcomed and then we showcased what students had been learning during the week. This consisted of a Circus Skills demonstration from those students who wanted to take part; a video of students playing the steel pans - they learnt a surprising amount in just one hour during the week and a Drama and Singing production. We then gave out certificates to all students for attending and all students who had completed the First Aid session. We identified students who had excelled in certain areas during the week and they were awarded separate certificates and mini-trophies. Both events were a great success.

## **Parent comments**

I wanted to thank you and your colleagues for the Week One Summer school. When we heard it was at Cherbourg Campus we were a little bit disappointed but knew that Harry would still make new friends and learn a bit more about the school. Summer School for the "Class of 2026" as you all put it was incredible. Harry loved every single little thing about it. He made new friends, took part in skills

that he hadn't even heard of before, got to know so many new adult faces and had the most fantastic experiences each and every day. I can't thank you enough for the extra spark of enthusiasm and positivity towards Crestwood that you have given Harry by allowing him to attend such a special week. I know you can't please everyone all of the time, but honestly, I cannot think of a single thing that Harry didn't absolutely love. Oh actually, yes I can...on the way home on the last day Harry asked if he could please attend the Week Two Summer School too!!

I am writing to say a huge thank you! Thanks from Dylan, Jamie and I for your hard work all over the summer keeping us up to date with what's going on. You have really helped Dylan feel welcome and part of the school before starting. We are also incredibly grateful to all of the staff for the summer school. Dylan did not just enjoy it, he LOVED it and came home raving about it every day. It makes such a difference being able to make new friends before the start of term. It was lovely to come and see the children on Friday afternoon too. We could not have asked for a better start to secondary. Wishing you all a great year.

I just wanted to say a very big thank you to everyone involved in Summer school. At the beginning of summer George was quite anxious about starting secondary school but thanks to the opportunity of doing the summer school, when it was time for him to start he said he was no longer worried as he'd already got to know some of the school and staff. Could you please pass on my gratitude to everyone who gave up their precious time to make this possible.

## **Conclusions**

- The Summer school programme was a great success and achieved its aims in supporting Year 7 transition both academically and in terms of student wellbeing.
- The curriculum was varied and successfully captured the imagination of the students, whilst also providing them with an introduction to Crestwood life, our routines and expectations.
- Students coming together in the mornings and at lunchtimes and in the afternoon being given the opportunity to mix in different groups, helped create a sense of community.
- We will continue to offer a Summer School each year for our year 7 students and hope that finances will permit us to offer the wide variety of activities that we offered in 2021.
- To encourage more students to attend, we would aim to publish the dates earlier to avoid clashes with family holidays.

### **Circus Day Video:**

<https://www.facebook.com/crestwoodcommunityschool/videos/978425692702409/>

**Sports Day:** <https://www.facebook.com/crestwoodcommunityschool/videos/2006801852806137/>

**Week 1:** <https://www.facebook.com/crestwoodcommunityschool/posts/5869571749783410>

**Week 1:** <https://www.facebook.com/crestwoodcommunityschool/posts/5873643689376216>

**Week 2:** <https://www.facebook.com/crestwoodcommunityschool/posts/6009466049127312>

Week 2: <https://www.facebook.com/crestwoodcommunityschool/posts/6020292834711300>

**Funding Breakdown  
(Funding Received 9.11.2021)**

<b>Summary</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
Staffing	41,769
Curriculum Items	12,470
Food	2,091
Site Costs	2,000
Minibus	666
IT Support	1,765
Admin Support	1,529
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,289</b>

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